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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)

Jean-Christophe HENRION et al.)

Application No.: 09/810,628)

Filed: March 19, 2001)

For: COSMETIC COMPOSITION COMPRISING)
AT LEAST ONE INGREDIENT CHOSEN)
FROM COMPOUNDS OF FORMULA (I))
AND SALTS THEREOF, USE THEREOF)
AS COLOURING AGENT, AND NOVEL)
COMPOUNDS OF FORMULAE (IIa), (IIIa),)
(IVa), (Va), AND (VIa), AND SALTS)
THEREOF)

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REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

Further to the Advisory Action mailed August 22, 2003, and in reply to the Final Office Action mailed May 14, 2003, the period for response having been extended to September 14, 2003 (a Sunday) by a request for a one-month extension of time and fee payment filed concurrently herewith, Applicants respectfully submit a Request for Continued Examination ("RCE") and request reconsideration of this application and reexamination of the claims in view of the following amendments and remarks. This Amendment is made according to revised 37 C.F.R. § 1.121. Please find below (a) Amendments to the Claims and (b) Remarks. Remarks begin on page 25 of this response.

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